

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A curable composition comprising:

an oxyalkylene polymer (A) having a number-average molecular weight of 16,000 or more, the oxyalkylene polymer (A) containing a reactive silicon group~~silicon atom-containing functional group crosslinkable by formation of a siloxane bond;~~

a vinyl polymer (B) containing a relative silicon group~~silicon atom-containing functional group crosslinkable by formation of a siloxane bond;~~ and

an oxyalkylene polymeric plasticizer (C) having a smaller molecular weight than that of the polymer (A)

wherein the vinyl polymer (B) is prepared by polymerization in the presence of the oxyalkylene polymeric plasticizer (C).

2. (original): The curable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the oxyalkylene polymer (A) is at least one selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide, polypropylene oxide, propylene oxide-ethylene oxide copolymers, and polybutylene oxide.

3. (original): The curable composition according to Claim 2, wherein the oxyalkylene polymer (A) is an oxypropylene polymer.

4. (previously presented): The curable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the backbone chain of the oxyalkylene polymer (A) is a polymer prepared using a double metal cyanide complex catalyst.

5. (previously presented): The curable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the backbone chain of the oxyalkylene polymer (A) is substantially a linear polymer.

6. (previously presented): The curable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the reactive silicon group of the oxyalkylene polymer (A) comprises one silicon atom and two hydrolyzable groups bonded to the silicon atom.

7. (original): The curable composition according to Claim 6, wherein the reactive silicon group of the oxyalkylene polymer (A) is a dimethoxymethylsilyl group.

8. (currently amended): The curable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the reactive silicon group of the oxyalkylene polymer (A) ~~oxypropylene polymer (A)~~ is present at a terminus of the molecular chain of the oxyalkylene polymer (A) ~~oxypropylene polymer (A)~~.

9. (previously presented): The curable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the vinyl polymer (B) contains a monomeric unit derived from an alkyl acrylate and/or alkyl methacrylate.

10. (original): The curable composition according to Claim 9, wherein the vinyl polymer (B) contains 70% by weight or more of the monomeric unit derived from the alkyl acrylate and/or alkyl methacrylate.

11. (previously presented): The curable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the vinyl polymer (B) has a number-average molecular weight of 5,000 to 30,000.

12. (original): The curable composition according to Claim 11, wherein the vinyl polymer (B) has a number-average molecular weight of 10,000 to 20,000.

13. (previously presented): The curable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the oxyalkylene polymer (A) and the vinyl polymer (B) are synthesized separately.

14. (canceled).

15. (previously presented): The curable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the ratio, by weight, of the oxyalkylene polymer (A) to the vinyl polymer (B) is 90/10 to 10/90.

16. (previously presented): The curable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the oxyalkylene polymeric plasticizer (C) has a number-average molecular weight of 500 to 15,000.

17. (original): The curable composition according to Claim 16, wherein the oxyalkylene polymeric plasticizer (C) has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 to 8,000.

18. (previously presented): The curable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of the oxyalkylene polymeric plasticizer (C) used is 5 to 150 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the total amount of the oxyalkylene polymer (A) and the vinyl polymer (B).

19. (original): The curable composition according to Claim 18, wherein the amount of the oxyalkylene polymeric plasticizer (C) used is 10 to 120 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the total amount of the oxyalkylene polymer (A) and the vinyl polymer (B).

20. (original): The curable composition according to Claim 19, wherein the amount of the oxyalkylene polymeric plasticizer (C) used is 20 to 100 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the total amount of the oxyalkylene polymer (A) and the vinyl polymer (B).

21. (previously presented): The curable composition according to Claim 1, further comprising a second plasticizer in addition to the oxyalkylene polymeric plasticizer (C).

22. (currently amended): The curable composition according to ~~Claim~~Claims 21, wherein the ratio, by weight, of the oxyalkylene polymeric plasticizer (C) to the second plasticizer is 90/10 to 10/90.

23. (previously presented): The curable composition according to Claim 1, further comprising a flaky or granular material with a diameter of 0.1 mm or more.

24. (previously presented): The curable composition according to Claim 1, further comprising balloons.

25. (original): The curable composition according to Claim 24, wherein the balloons have a particle size of 0.1 mm or more.

26. (currently amended): The curable composition according to ~~(Claim~~ 1, wherein the curable composition is used as a sealant for joints of siding boards.

27. (currently amended): The curable composition according to Claim~~Claims~~ 26, wherein the siding boards are ceramic siding boards.

28. (original): A method for sealing ceramic siding boards comprising applying the curable composition according to Claim 27 as a sealant to the siding boards, and curing the curable composition.